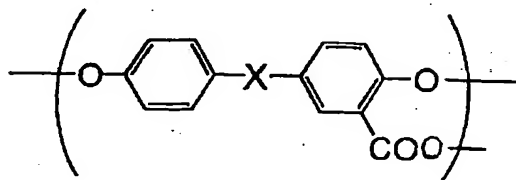


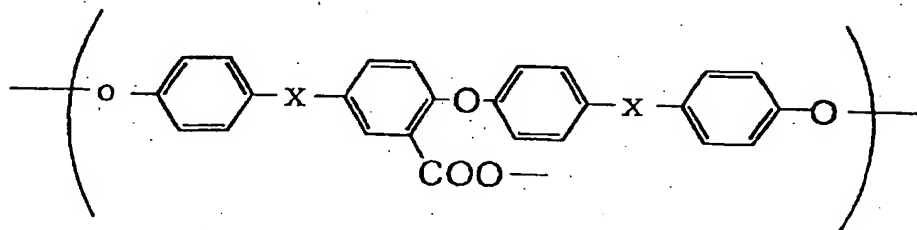
Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph of the text bridging pages 17 and 18 as follows:

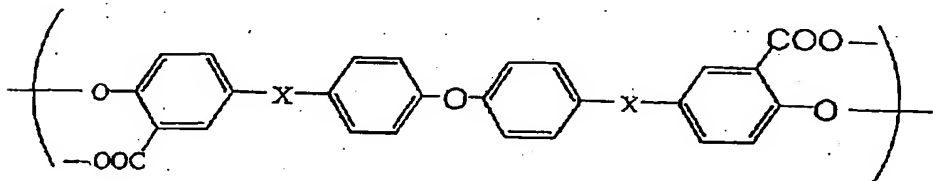
Examples of the branched structural units typically are structures represented by the following formulae (3) to (6).



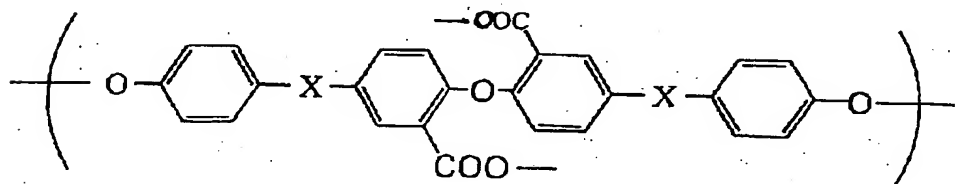
formula (3)



formula (4)



formula (5)



formula (6)

(In formulae (3) to (6), X is a number selected from the group consisting of a single bond, an alkylene group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkylidene group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, a cycloalkylene group having 5 to 15 carbon atoms, a cycloalkylidene group having 5 to 15 carbon atoms, and bivalent groups represented by $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CO-$, $-SO-$, and $-SO_2-$.)